A

KEY TO THE PSALMS,

BEING

AN EASY, CONCISE, AND FAMILIAR EXPLANATION

OF

WORDS, ALLUSIONS, AND SENTENCES

IN THEM,

SELECTED FROM SUBSTANTIAL AUTHORITIES,

TENDING TO PROMOTE EXPEDITIOUSLY

THE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEM AMONG THE IGNORANT IN GENERAL,

AND FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE

LOWER CLASS OF PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR.

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To the CLERGY.

Gentlemen and Brethren,

THAT I may not detain you long from your literary amuſements, ſtill leſs from your more important inveſtigations after Truth, by a tedious and impertinent circumlocution, or betray a ſelfiſh inclination to prejudice your minds, thro' an *inſidious* Preface, in favour of a ſmall work, which I have done myſelf the honour (yet in the very "ſpirit of meekneſs") of ſubmitting to your peruſal and cenſures, it becomes me to be conciſe in explaining the motives which have induced and encouraged me to offer my "mite" of contribution, for the information of the *common* people, and ſoliciting, in their behalf, your attention to, and acceptance of it.

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The firſt and immediate motive by which I was influenced, was a ſincere deſire of executing ſome inferior, and minute part of that comprehenſive duty, which, "tho' leſs than the leaſt of uſeful men," it ought to be my private care, as it is my earneſt wiſh, to diſcharge.

My motive for dedicating this Key to the Pſalms to You, is becauſe the common people are, almoſt without exception, totally ignorant of them.

Becauſe, I am well convinced, that the Parochial Clergy in general (I am tempted to ſay *reſident Curates* in particular) will be ever happy to explain *to him that aſketh*, any and ſuch paſſages at leaſt in the Pſalms, which being above a common underſtanding, perplex, of courſe, their unlettered pariſhioners.

Becauſe, (in a word) I ſincerely believe my Brethren will ſeize and adopt, with an animated and diſintereſted avidity, any inſtrument which may appear formed, and calculated for the expediting

expediting uſeful knowledge, and the improving, in a degree, the ſucceſs of our common cauſe.

As the book itſelf will explain and inſtance my particular meaning and aim, permit me ſimply to ſay, that tho' it be contrary to my intention, as it is infinitely above my abilities, to attempt a critical illuſtration, or conjectural expoſition of the Pſalms; yet, that I have endeavoured to explain, *vulgarly and familiarly*, what appears at firſt, unintelligible in itſelf; and, above all, to give to the *loweſt* comprehenſion *ſome* idea of the matter (whatever it be) in queſtion:—Where I ſuſpect a wrong idea may be entertained, I have annexed one nearly proper, advancing, in aſſiſtance, a word ſomewhat ſynonimous:—I have more particularly endeavoured to arreſt the attention, (which may perchance have wandered over a pregnant word or particular ſentence) to its formal meaning and pointed alluſion.

For inſtance, " according to the *cleanneſs* of my hands haſt thou recompenſed

penſed me :" Here cleanneſs has a particular force and alluſion; I have accordingly noticed it, &c. progreſſively thro' the Pſalms.

Will this plan, even if carefully executed, be of immediate uſe? I ſubmit myſelf candidly, and with humility, to the cenſures of my Brethren, and will not preſume to anſwer it with my own opinion, unſanctioned and unprotected.

Should, however, your deciſions coincide with thoſe of my friends, and this little work be thought worthy your patronage, it will be my determination (under favour of certain circumſtances) ſo to print this book, and reduce it to ſuch a price, that the public in general, and the lower people in particular, may, at the vileſt expence, be amply and liberally accommodated.

Should I not be ſo happy as to be favoured with your approbation, nor be thought entitled to ſome ſmall notice, I ſhall only add, that the liberal intention which animated me thro' this drudgery,

drudgery, will ſuperabundantly reward me with that ſecret, but ſolid pleaſure, which an humble attempt to be of ſome ſmall and inferior ſervice in my profeſſion, will ever ſanction and ſecure.

I am, Brethren,
With the moſt cordial reſpect,
Your very obedient Servant,
And Well-wiſher,
THE AUTHOR.

N. B. Any cenſures will be gratefully received, and emendations accordingly attempted in future.

PSALMS of DAVID.

PSALM I.

THE Subject—Is the different Fate of good and bad Men here and hereafter.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Sat in the Seat*—Hath not taken part with irreligious Perſons, who, as it were *out of the Chair*, advance their Objections againſt God's Law.

Verſe 5th. *The Chaff* (*though* the ſolid *Grain remains*) which the Wind ſcattereth away.

PSALM II.

A Prophecy of the Meſſias—The firſt part relates to David.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Heathens*—Philiſtines, Moabites, and others.

Verſe 6th. *Yet* (he ſhall ſay to me) I have ſet my King, &c.

Verſe 7th. *I will preach the Law*, the eternal Decree of God revealed to me concerning another Prince, of whom God will ſay, "thou art my Son," whom I have begotten in the *to-day* of Eternity, in the continual Preſent of infinite Duration.

Verſe 8th. I have granted thee David, the command over thy own Country; but to Thee *O my Son*, will I give the Heathen, &c.

Verſe 10th. *O ye Kings* and Pagan Princes.

Verſe 12th. *Kiſs*—pay your Homage to, &c.

PSALM III.

Of David when he flew before Abſalom.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *And the Lifter up of my Head*, though my Afflictions make me ſtoop under them.

Verſe 4th. *Holy Hill* of Sion, where his Ark is depoſited.

Verſe 5th. *And ſlept* (notwithſtanding my Oppreſſions) ſo great was my Truſt in thy Defence.

Verſe 6th. *Ten Thouſands of the People*, i. e. Abſalom's Army.

PSALM IV.

When David was ſtill under Abſalom's Rebellion.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *In Trouble*, particularly under Saul's Reign. 1ſt Sam. 19th v. c. 23d.

Verſe 2d. *Mine Honour*, my royal Dignity.—Leaſing, *Lying*.

Verſe 4th. Be *ſtill*, lay down your Arms againſt your lawful Prince.

Verſe 6th, *Who will ſhew us any good?* What good can we expect under King David's Reign?

Verſe 7th. Lord, notwithſtanding their ingratitude, look favourably upon me, and my People.

Verſe 8th. I have not returned them ill for their unkindneſs, but have rejoiced at the Benefits thou haſt conferred upon me.

PSALM V.

By David, about the Time he fled from Abſalom.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Fooliſh*, i. e. theſe Rebels.

Verſe 6th. *Speak leaſing*, ſuch as Doeg and Achitopel, who poiſon my Subjects' Loyalty with their *untruths*.

Verſe 7th. *Toward* thy holy Temple, tho' I do not as the Prieſts enter the Sanctuary, yet I will, with the devouteſt Affection pray towards it. Deut. 1ſt. c. v. 3d. Heb. 9. v. 6.

Verſe 8th. *Becauſe of mine Enemies*, who watch every Slip I make.

Verſe 9th. *Inward parts*, ſecret counſels.

Verſe 10th. *Open Sepulchre*, uncovered Grave, dangerous to thoſe who come near it.

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PSALM VI.

David under a grievous Sickneſs, or in great Trouble.

PSALM VII.

Written upon the malicious Information of Cuſh the Benjamite, againſt David to Saul.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *He*, i. e. Saul.

Verſe 4th. *Delivered*, twice ſpared Saul, when I had the advantage over him. 1ſt Sam. c. 24th, v. 7. Sam. 26 c. v. 9, v. 23.

Verſe 6th. *In the Judgement*—When I exert my judicial and regal Authority.

Verſe 14th. *Ordaineth*, levelleth.

Verſe 17th. *Travail*, troubling.

PSALM VIII.

His Victory over Goliah.

PSALM IX.

Ditto.

PSALM X.

David under great Trouble, perſecuted by Saul.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Covetous*, Tyrannical.

PSALM XI.

Ditto.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Foundations*, *Laws* ſubverted, *done* to deſerve conſequent perſecution.

PSALM XII.

David betrayed by Doeg the Edomite, levelled againſt Saul's Courtiers.

PSALM XIV.

David in great Diſtreſs.

PSALM XV.

What Qualifications required to make a true Member of the Church of God.

PSALM XVI.

Perſecution of Saul.

NOTES.

Verſe 7th. *Goodly Heritage*—the Kingdom of Judea.
Verſe 8th. *Reins*, inward Thoughts.

PSALM XVII.

Perſecution of Saul.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Kept me*, &c. have not deſtroyed Saul when it was in my Power.

Verſe 13th. *Sword*, an inſtrument guided but by thy Hand and Will.

PSALM XVIII.

Delivery from Saul.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Horn*, Refuge.
Verſe 4th. *Snares of Death*, Conſpiracy.
Verſe 12th. *Coals of Fire*, red-hot Thunderbolts.
Verſe 18th. *Prevented*, ſurprized me.
Verſe 20th. *Cleanneſs*, unembrued with Saul's Blood.
Verſe 36th. *Room enough*, an ample Kingdom unconfined.
Verſe 44th. *A People*, moſt remote, even unknown and unheard of.
Verſe 49th. *Wicked Man*, Saul.

PSALM XIX.

Contemplation of the Creation.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Telleth*, leaveth an Argument for the next; *certifieth*, leaveth the Demonſtration ſtill as cogent for the next.

Verſe 5th. *Tabernacle*, Orb wherein he moves.

Verſe 5th. *Giant*, ſtrong athletic.

Verſe 7th. *Wiſdom* of God conſpicuous not only in the Works of Nature, but in the divine Law he has given us.

Verſe 9th. *Clean*, free from the Superſtition of the Gentiles.

PSALM XX.

The People pray for the King's Succeſs againſt the Ammonites.

PSALM XXI.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Life*, eſcape from the Hands of Saul.

PSALM XXII.

David in great Diſtreſs, forſook by his Friends, in Abſalom's Rebellion.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *And thou continueſt Holy*, nevertheleſs—

Verſe 6th. *But as for me, I am a Worm*—Abraham, Jacob and Joſeph were great and holy Men, *but as for me*, &c.

Verſe 12th. *Oxen*, powerful Enemies, ſtrong, fierce, and pampered as the Bulls in the fertile valley of Baſan.

Verſe 14th. Conſumes away *like melting Wax*.

Verſe 16th. *Dogs*—Conſpirators—blood-thirſty Men.

Verſe 18th. *Garments*, Eſtates, &c.

Verſe 20th. *Darling*, Life.

Verſe 21ſt. *Among the Horns of Unicorns*—when in as much Danger as if gored by them.

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PSALM XXIII.

David proſperous and ſettled after Saul's Perſecution.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Prepare a Table*, make me proſperous in the Face of mine Enemies.

PSALM XXIV.

The Ark brought and ſettled in the Houſe he had prepared for it in Mount Sion.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Founded it on the Seas*, made the Earth prominent, and ſtanding above the Waters.

Verſe 3d. *Aſcend the hill*, follow the Ark into Mount Sion.

Verſe 4th. *Liſted up his Mind*, &c. ſolemnly atteſted a falſe Thing.

Verſe 6th. *Seek thy Face*, join themſelves unto the Houſe of Jacob.

Verſe 7th. *O ye Gates*, i. e. for the Ark to enter in—*everlaſting Doors*, i. e. Heaven, for the Entry of the Meſſias.

PSALM XXV.

David in great Affliction, from the Reflection upon his great Sin in the Matter of Uriah.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Tranſgreſs*, take up arms againſt their Sovereign, without Provocation.

Verſe 5th. *Tender mercies*, deliverances from Goliah and Saul—*of old*—ſhewn to Abraham and Iſaac.

Verſe 13th. *Secret*, hidden favours.

Verſe 21ſt. *Iſrael*, my poor Subjects.

PSALM XXVI.

David falſely accuſed by Informers in Saul's Court.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Reins*, ſecret Thoughts.

Verſe 10th. *Gifts*, Corruption.

PSALM XXVII.

David in his Old Age recounts the Dangers God had delivered him from.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Rock of Stone*, ſafe as if in a fortified Caſtle.
Verſe 15th. *Land of the Living*, in a future ſtate.

PSALM XXVIII.

David troubled with ſome domeſtic Factions. Sam. 2d. 20.

PSALM XXIX.

A Pſalm of David after ſome great Storm of Thunder and Lightning.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th. *Libanus and Sirion*, the moſt famous Mountains in Paleſtine.

Verſe 8th. *Bring forth Young*, i. e. out of Fear—*diſcovereth*, maketh bare the Wood of the thickeſt Buſhes, by blaſting their Leaves—*in his Temple*, during theſe Devaſtations in other Places, the Inhabitants of Jeruſalem do with Security worſhip God.

Verſe 9th. *Sitteth above*, ruleth the Waterflood, i. e. watery Meteors and fierce Rains.

PSALM XXX.

On the Dedication of David's Houſe after his return, and the Suppreſſion of Abſalom's Rebellion.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Out of Hell*, from the Brink of the Grave.
Verſe 6th. *Proſperity*, quiet poſſeſſion of my Crown.

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PSALM XXXI.

David flies from Saul, and is encompaſſed by his Forces.

NOTES.

Verſe 14th. *As a broken Veſſel*, deſpicable.

Verſe 21ſt. *Sons of Men*, and acknowledged by even Saul himſelf.

Verſe 22. *Strife of Tongues*, Calumnies.

Verſe 23d. *Strong City*, Keilah, which the Philiſtines had inveſted.

PSALM XXXII.

David repents for the complicated Sin in the Affair of Uriah.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Covered*, whoſe Sins God does, as it were, hide from his Eyes.

Verſe 2d. *Guile*, Hypocriſy.

Verſe 7th. *The great Water-floods*, when Sinners are deluged by a Flood of Iniquity.

Verſe 8th. *Compaſs*, &c. bleſs me with Victory.

PSALM XXXIII.

God's Wiſdom in the Creation, and his Diſpenſations.

PSALM XXXIV.

David feigned himſelf mad, and by that Means eſcaped from Saul.—1 Sam. c. 21ſt. 11th v.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. He thanks God for the Succeſs of this innocent Fraud.

Verſe 2. The *humble*, the People of Iſrael.

Verſe 5th. *They had an Eye*, good Men look up to God.

Verſe 10. *Lions*, Courtiers of Saul.

PSALM XXXV.

This Pſalm is levelled againſt the Informers in Saul's Court; David begs God's Aſſiſtance to defeat their Deſigns.

NOTES.

Verſe 21ſt. *Fie on thee*, &c. thou haſt uſed ſpecious Arts to diſguiſe this Treaſon againſt Saul.

PSALM XXXVI.

David perſecuted by Saul, who thro' Diſſimulation, ſecretly contrives David's ruin. David prays againſt any evil effects of it.

NOTES.

Verſe 8th. *Thy houſe*, the Earth and Creation.
Verſe 12th. *There*, nay I ſee the ruin of mine Enemies.

PSALM XXXVII.

A Perſuaſion to ſubmit to God's Diſpenſations of what kind ſoever they be.

PSALM XXXVIII.

David deſcribes his Grief for the Sin againſt Ūriah, under a Metaphor.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Gone over my head*, Overwhelmed me.

PSALM XXXIX.

David in great Sickneſs or Trouble, reflects upon the Vanity of worldly things, and argues againſt Impatience.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Good Words*, Vindication of my righteous Cauſe.

Verſe 4th. *The Fire kindled*, my Impatience heated me, and obliged me to break my deſigned Silence.

PSALM XL.

Rehearſal of paſt Favours to David, as alſo prophetical Repreſentation of the Meſſias.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Put a new Song in my Mouth*, afforded a new Subject for praiſe.

Verſe 4th. *It*, this extraordinary Mercy.

Verſe 5th. *Turned not unto the Proud*, relied not in ſelf-confidence, or in lying Arts for Deliverance, but in God alone.

Verſe 6th. *Ordereth them*, can ſum them up in arithmetical order.

Verſe 8th. *Sacrifice and Meat Offerings*, Moſaical Sacrifices—*opened*, bored as a Servant who loves his Maſter and is not willing to go free.

Verſe 9th. *Then*, did the Meſſias ſtipulate that he ſhould come into the World, ſaying, Lo! I come.

Verſe 10th. *Book*, Moſaical Law.

Verſe 11th. *Congregation*, public Tabernacles.

Verſe 12th. *Not hid*, not merely meditated, but talked of them, &c.

Verſe 19th. *Thy Salvation*, and truſt not in rebellious arms.

PSALM XLI.

David in a ſevere fit of Sickneſs, and under Troubles from Abſalom's Rebellion.

NOTES.

Verſe 8th. Viz. *Saying*, Let the Sentence, &c.

Verſe 9th. *Familiar Friend*, Achitophel.

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PSALM XLII.

Written by David when abſent from the Service of the Temple, being debar ed from it during his Exile, by Abſalom's Rebellion.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *My Meat*, as conſtant as that.
Verſe 4th. *For I went*, I uſed to go.
Verſe 8th. *The Land of Jordan*, the preſent place of my Exile.
Verſe 9th. *Calleth another*, wave ſucceedeth another, impelled by the Cataracts of Heaven.
Verſe 10th. But yet I will *recollect* that the Lord, &c.
Verſe 15th. *Help of my Countenance*, gives me to hope a better ſtate of Affairs.

PSALM XLIII.

Is an Appendix to the 42d.

PSALM XLIV.

Written by ſome Holy Perſon during the Captivity when the Jews were infeſted with Sennacherib's Army.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *The Heathen*, the Canaanites.
Verſe 15th. *By-word*, i. e. Proverb—this is cheaper than a Jew is ſold for.
Verſe 20th. *Place of Dragons*, Pits, to lie among Serpents and Worms.
Verſe 25th. *Our Belly*, we are grovelling on the ground diſabled, and cannot get up.

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PSALM XLV.

By Moſes, deſcribing the Union of Chriſt under the figure of a Nuptial Solemnity.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th. *Thy Arrows are very ſharp*, thy Doctrines ſhall come with Force and Efficacy.

Verſe 8th. *Fellows*, Angels and Celeſtial Powers.

Verſe 9th. *Ivory Palaces*, Heaven, in which thou haſt been clad with, and refreſhed by heavenly Virtues.

Verſe 10th. *King's Daughters*, the royal and noble Perſons who ſhall be converted to thy Religion, ſhall be as Bride-Maids to attend thy nuptials—*the Queen*, thy Church—*Veſture of Gold*, flouriſhing condition.

Verſe 11th. *Own People*, Heatheniſh or Jewiſh Religion—*Father's Houſe*, Country Religion.

Verſe 13th. *Tyre*, ſhall be converted.

PSALM XLVI.

David's Conqueſt over the Philſtines, Jeruſalem triumphs for that great Victory.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *The Flood*—Kidron.

PSALM XLVII.

An inſpired Author praiſes God for the call of the Gentiles.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *The Earth*, the Jews and Gentiles.

Verſe 4th. *Heritage*, the Land of Canaan.

PSALM XLVIII.

Thankſgiving for the wonderful Deliverances from Sennacherib's Army, which had beſieged Jeruſalem.—2 Kings, c. 19.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Kings of the Earth*, Sennacherib, and the auxiliary Princes.

Verſe 7th. *Heard*, from Iſaiah.—2 Kings, c. 19, v. 20.

Verſe 11th. *Tell the Towers*, ſee what little Damage is done to them by ſo formidable an Army.

Verſe 12th. *Set up*, number the houſes left entire.

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PSALM XLIX.

Remarks on the different State of good and bad Men, and an exhortation to perſevere in Piety.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Wickedneſs*, of Enemies at my Heels.

PSALM L.

Contains excellent reproofs upon thoſe who valued themſelves upon exactneſs, or their legal Performance, and yet neglected the moral Duties.

PSALM LI.

Nathan the Prophet came unto David after he had gone in unto Bathſheba.

PSALM LII.

On this Occaſion—Doeg informed Saul, that Ahimelech entertained David—Saul orders him to ſlay Ahimelech, and eighty-three more Prieſts, which was done accordingly.

PSALM LIII.

Lightly varied from the Pſalm 16th.

PSALM LIV.

David hemmed in by Saul's Troops in the Wilderneſs of Ziph.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Strangers*, the Ziphites—*Tyrants*, the Prince himſelf.

Verſe 5th. *In Truth*, promiſe of the Kingdom to me.

Verſe 6th. *Free Heart*, liberal Sacrifices.

Verſe 7th, *My Deſire*, i. e. that my Enemies (as they have) ſhould march away from me.

PSALM LV.

David complains of Achitophel's Inſincerity.

NOTES.

Verſe 9. *Deſtroy their Tongues*, perplex their Counſels.

Verſe 19th. *There were many with me*; thy aſſiſtance was equivalent to a Multitude of Auxiliaries.

Verſe 21ſt. *He*, i. e. Achitophel.

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PSALM LVI.

David taken by the Philiſtines in Gath.

NOTES.

Verſe 8th. *Telleſt my Flittings*, takeſt account of all my Sufferings.—*Put my Tears*, &c. as it were preſerve them.

Verſe 13th. *Delivered*, by ſuffering my Stratagem to deceive the Philiſtines thro' affected Madneſs.

PSALM LVII.

By David when he fled from Saul in the Cave, and piouſly refuſed to kill him.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Lie*, am encompaſſed round by.

PSALM LVIII.

David perſecuted by Saul, levels this chiefly at his Courtiers.

NOTES.

Verſe 8th. *Or ever your Pots*, &c. without delay.

PSALM LIX.

On Saul's ſending and watching the Houſe to kill David, who was delivered by the pious Fraud of Michal his Wife.—1ſt Sam. 19th.

NOTES.

Verſe 7th. *For who doth hear?* ſaying, doth God hear us?

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PSALM LX.

This Pſalm not penned *after*, but *whilſt* David was preparing for the Expedition againſt the Edomites.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Token*, by our Victory over the adherents of Saul's Houſe.

Verſe 6th. *God hath ſpoken*, as in anſwer to my Prayer —*divide* among my victorions Soldiers.

Verſe 7th. *Lawgiver*, furniſher of ſubordinate Magiſtrates and Miniſters.

Verſe 8th. *Waſh-pot*, Slave—*Caſt out my Shoe*, aſſert my Dominion over it by ſome Action, and by ſome Token of my Authority.

Verſe 9th. *Strong City*, Rabba of the Ammonites.

PSALM LXI.

By David, when driven beyond Jordan, to the extremities of Judæa, by his Rebel Son.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Ends of the Earth*, exremities of Judæa.

Verſe 4th. *I will*, i. e. after my Reſtoration.

Verſe 5th. *Heritage*, Kingdom.

PSALM LXII.

By David in the beginning of Abſalom's Rebellion, whilſt his Subjects were combining againſt him.

PSALM LXIII.

The Prophet Gad adviſes David to get him into the Land of Judah, he departed and came into the Foreſt of Hareth.—1ſt Sam. c. 22d. v. 5.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *In Holineſs*, near the Sanctuary.

Verſe 12th. *Them*, Saul's Courtiers.

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PSALM LXIV.

By David when grown into Diſgrace, and departed from Saul's Court.

PSALM LXV.

David praiſes God for the plentiful Showers of Rain after the three Years Famine. 2d Sam. 21.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Remain*, in Iſlands encompaſſed by the Ocean.

Verſe 10th. *River of God*, celeſtial Repoſitory of Waters.

PSALM LXVI.

Written ſoon after David's coming to the Throne, when the Philiſtines had made ſuch Ravages in the Country.

NOTES.

Verſe 11th. *Fire and Water*, the greater and leſſer Calamities.

PSALM LXVII.

Written probably by Eſdras after the Captivity—A Prophecy relating to the Propagation of the Goſpel.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *All*, not only Judæa.

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PSALM LXVIII.

Some ſignal Victory obtained over the Philiſtines.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th. *The Priſoners*, and me from Saul's Perſecution—*Runagates*, Informers, continue *in ſcarceneſs*, in Penury.

Verſe 8. *Dropped*, were diſſolved into Thunder and Rain.

Verſe 9th. *A gracious Rain*, Showers of Manna to refreſh them in the Wilderneſs.

Verſe 10th. *Therein*, even in that barren place—*the Poor*, thy diſtreſſed Servants.

Verſe 11th. *Gave the Word*, and they conquered—*Preachers*, Women ſinging the triumphal Song.

Verſe 12th. *Of the Houſehold*, who remained in the Tents after the Battle, divided the Spoil.

Verſe 13th. *Lien among the Pots*, the loweſt ſtate of Drudgery—*Wings of a Dove*, ſplendid Equipage ſhall ye appear in.

Verſe 14th. *Kings*, as Og and Sihon—*White as Snow*, as glorious in the ſight of their Neighbours, as the ſnowy Head of Salmon, when it gliſters by the reflection of the Sun Beams.

Verſe 16th. *Hop*, Dance and triumphantly joy, as if you of Baſan and Salmon were the only remarkable Hills on this ſide the World—*This*, i. e. Sion for ever ſhall continue until the coming of the Meſſias.

Verſe 17th. *Among them* here, as formerly in Sinai.

Verſe 18th. *Gone up on high*, aſcended this holy Hill, as a triumphant General returns to his City—*Captivity captive*, the Priſoners taken in this War, were led, or drawn as it were after the Chariot—*Received Gifts*, Ranſoms for the Priſoners, that Peace being all around eſtabliſhed, the *Lord God might*, &c.

Verſe 21. *Enemies*, the Philiſtines—*Wickedneſs*, Idolatry.

Verſe 23d. *Thy Foot*, O David, may wade in the Blood of thine Enemies.

Verſe 25th. *The Singers*, the Levites—*Little Benjamin*, Jacob's youngeſt Son—*Zabulon and Nepthali*, Chiefs, tho' ſo far remote from Jeruſalem.

Verſe 28th. *Stabliſh the Thing*, perfect our Victories.

Verſe 30th. *Blaſts of the People*, Fierce Boors and Countrymen.

Verſe 31ſt. *Come out* to congratulate (by Embaſſy) our Succeſſes, and even the Moors and Æthiopians ſhall join with us in Worſhip to God.

Verſe 33d. *Voice*, Thunder.

PSALM LXIX.

David deſcribes his Diſtreſſes in the Time of Abſalom's Rebellion.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Waiting*, looking upwards.

Verſe 7th. *Suffered Reproof*, for my truſting in thee.

Verſe 12th. *Sit in the Gate*, loiter about the Gate of the City.

Verſe 13th. *Acceptable Time*, when thy Interpoſition will be moſt acceptable.

Verſe 23d. *Table*, their being gathered together to eat the Paſchal Sacrifice.

Verſe 24th. *See not*, the light of the Goſpel for many Ages.

Verſe 26th. *Dwell in their Tents*, no Poſterity left to ſucceed them in Judæa.

Verſe 32d. *Hath Horns and Hoofs*, Bullocks full grown.

Verſe 36th. *Sion*, &c. i. e. Jeruſalem.—*Men*, the Jews.

PSALM LXX.

Pſalm 40th a little varied——David in great Diſtreſs.

PSALM LXXI.

By David in the Time of Abſalom's Rebellion.

NOTES.

Verſe 18th. *Deep of the Earth*, alludes to his Confinement in the Extremities in Judæa.——Pſ. 61. Verſe 2d.

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PSALM LXXII.

Written upon Solomon's being anointed the Succeſſor of David, yet *properly* of Chriſt, hyperbolically only of Solomon.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *The King*, me David—*Son*, Solomon—*Judgements*, regal Office of executing Juſtice.

Verſe 3d. *The Mountains*, &c. tho' Solomon's Reign ſhall be happy, yet that of the Meſſias ſhall be more ſo, the Barren Hills (Nations buried in unfruitful Ignorance) ſhall be bleſſed by having the Goſpel of the Meſſias preached to the Inhabitants thereof.

Verſe 6th. He *ſhall come down*, deſcend with a mild Influence (in the Spirit of Meekneſs) as a gentle Rain on a Fleece of Wool.

Verſe 10th. *Kings*, &c. thoſe in the moſt remote Parts in Africa and Aſia.

Verſe 12th. *Helper*, no Redeemer but himſelf.

Verſe 15th. *Live* for ever and receive a Crown more precious than Arabian Gold.

Verſe 16th. *There ſhall be*, the Bleſſings of his Kingdom ſhall be multiplied—*Green*, fruitful.

Verſe 19th. The *Earth*, the Gentiles alſo.

PSALM LXXIII.

Unknown by whom compoſed—ſuppoſed by one of the Name of Aſaph—Upon the miſerable Ravages, and great Victories of Sennacherib in Judæa, when even Hezekiah ſuffered ſo much.

NOTES.

Verſe 7th. *Fatneſs*, Luxury.

Verſe 9th. *They ſtretch*, and they ſpare neither God, nor man, in their impious Diſcourſes.

Verſe 10th. *Fall unto*, cloſe in with their Sentiments—*they* the People alſo—*thereout*, from theſe atheiſtical Opinions.

Verſe 14th. *The Generation*, &c. all thoſe who follow Piety and thy Religion.

Verſe 16th. *Until*, &c. I conſulted thy Holy Word repoſited in thy Sanctuary.

Verſe 20th. *Thus*, i.e. before I was ſatisfied by thy word my *reins*, my very heart.

Verſe 26th. *Fornication*, and idolatrous worſhip.

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PSALM LXXIV.

By ſome divine Poet during the Captivity—It laments the deſtruction of the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar's Soldiers, and the conſequent Reproaches the Houſe of Aſaph then ſuſtained.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *For Tokens*, repreſenting on them their Idols.

Verſe 6th. *Thick Trees*, Tyrian Foreſts.

Verſe 9th. *Them*, all Schools and Synagogues.

Verſe 10th. *Tokens*, any miraculous Signs.

Verſe 14th. *Dragons*, Pharaoh and his Army.

Verſe 15th. *Leviathan*, Pharaoh—*him*, the Bodies of him and his Nobles to be meat for Fiſhes, which afterwards became Food for the Inhabitants of the Wilderneſs of Etham. Exodus c. 14. v. 23d.

Verſe 16th. *Rock*, Rephidim—*Waters*, Jordan.

Verſe 20th. *Turtle Dove*, thy holy Worſhip.

PSALM LXXV.

Some great Victory obtained, written in the form of a Dialogue between the King and his People.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Receive the Congregation*, preſide over the Tribes of Iſrael.

Verſe 4th. *The Earth*, &c. the Foundations of the Jewiſh Common Wealth are weak and tottering, being undermined by Saul's Tyranny—*Inhabitants*, Houſes burnt, and Families undone.

Verſe 5th. *Madly*, atheiſtically—*Horn*, Arrogance and Oppreſſion.

Verſe 7th. *Cometh not from the Eaſt*, &c. that is, proceed from natural Cauſes.

Verſe 10th. *Dregs*, poiſonous Sediment, i. e. Misfortunes.

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PSALM LXXVI.

A Public Rejoicing on the Deſtruction of Sennacherib's Army.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Jury*, Judæa—there while we were performing our Worſhip.

Verſe 4th. *Thou art of more Honour*, more celebrated than the neighbouring Hills were for the Robberies committed by the Aſſyrian Soldiers.

Verſe 5th. *Slept their Sleep*, have periſhed by the deſtroying Angel—*found nothing*, not ſtruck a Stroke.

Verſe 10th. *Fierceneſs of Man ſhall turn to thy Praiſe*, tyrannical Princes ſhall not dare to oppoſe (but will turn to) thy true Religion.

Verſe 12th. *Spirit*, Ambition.

PSALM LXXVII.

One of the Houſe of Aſaph bemoans the Miſeries and length of the Captivity.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *My Sore*, my eyes guſhed out Tears.

Verſe 10th. *Mine own Infirmity*, i. e. by reaſon of my Sin.

Verſe 19th. *In the Sea*, thou didſt go before the Iſraelites—*not known*, i. e. the Waters cloſed inſtantly.

PSALM LXXVIII.

This Pſalm was written to put the People in mind of the divine Favours, or Diſpleaſures towards the Jews, according to their Behaviour.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Open my Mouth in a Parable*, lay before you inſtructive Conſiderations out of the ſacred Records.

Verſe 13th. *Zoan*, the Province of Ægypt, where Pharaoh kept his Court.

Verſe 22d. *Heavy Diſpleaſure*, by Lightning. Numbers ch. 11, v. 6.

Verſe 42d. *Tempted*, diſtruſted.

Verſe 55th. *Purchaſed with his right Hand*, which David won from the Jebuſites.

Verſe 56th. *Tents* of the Canaanites.

Verſe 68th. *Joſeph*, Son of Ephraim.

Verſe 69th. *Tribe*, Mount Sion, within the Territories of the Tribe of Judah.

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PSALM LXXIX.

On the Deſtruction of Jeruſalem by Nebuchadnezzar.

NOTES.

Verſe 12th. *Appointed to die,* ſentenced to deſtruction.

PSALM LXXX.

The ſame Subject as 79th.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Shew thyſelf alſo, thou that ſitteſt upon the Cherubims,* i. e. manifeſt thy Glory to us as thou didſt uſe to appear with, when we beheld thy *Shechinah; from thy ſeat the Ark of the Covenant which was placed between the Cherubims.

Verſe 3d. *Turn us again,* reſtore us to our Country.

Verſe 8th. *A Vine,* us as a choice Vine.

Verſe 11th. *Unto the Sea,* over the Land of Canaan, which is extended on the Weſt to the Mediterranean—— *River* Euphrates on the Eaſt.

Verſe 15th. *The Branch,* &c. the People whom thou haſt peculiarly ſet aſide for thy Worſhip.

PSALM LXXXI.

On the moſt joyful Feſtival of the Year, the Feaſt of the Tabernacles.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *New Moon,* the firſt Day of the Jewiſh Year.

Verſe 4th. *A Statute,* vide Lev. 23, v. 25.

Verſe 6th. I (ſays God) *eaſed his Shoulders.*

Verſe 7th. *Troubles,* when purſued by Pharoah's Army —*what Time as the Storm,* when I gave thee the Law on Mount Sinai, accompanied with Thunder and Lightning.

Verſe 8th. *Waters of Strife,* Meribah, Exod. 17th, v. 5th.

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*A Divine Irradiation of Light, as an Intimation of thy Preſence, and earneſt of thy Glory.

PSALM LXXXII.

On the Corruption of ſome wicked Magiſtrates.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Gods*, inferior and commiſſioned by his Authority, as Proxies.

Verſe 5th. *They*, the Judges—*Foundations of the Earth*, national Conſtitution and Laws.

Verſe 6th. *I have ſaid, Ye are Gods*, have allowed you to be called by my Name, and to be eſteemed as of a divine Original.

PSALM LXXXIII.

Written againſt Jehoſaphat, vide 2d Chron. ch. 20, v. 1ſt.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Thy ſecret ones*, thoſe whom thou ſecretly doſt protect.

Verſe 6th. *Hagarens*, who took their Name from their Mother Hagar.

Verſe 8th. *Have holpen*, have eſpouſed the Cauſe of.

Verſe 13th. *A Wheel*, make them giddy and unſettled in their Counſels, and diſperſe their Forces.

PSALM LXXXIV.

Probably by David when hindered from frequenting the Tabernacle, being driven from the City by Abſalom's rebellious Arms.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Of Hoſts*, bleſſed Spirits.

Verſe 6th. *Who going thro' the Vale of Miſery*, &c. who living at a Diſtance from thy Tabernacle, are forced to travel over a *dry barren Heath* to get to it; the Comfort they receive in being to appear before God, makes them to be as pleaſant in travelling over the ſcorching Sands, as if they had Wells and Ciſterns all the Way to drink of.

PSALM

PSALM LXXXV.

Written ſoon after the Reſtoration of the Jews from their Captivity.

NOTES.

Verſe 13th. *In the way*, according to the Rules of Equity and Goodneſs.

PSALM LXXXVI.

A Prayer of David during his Affliction under Saul.

NOTES.

Verſe 16th. *Son of thine Hand-Maid*, I am as much thy Property as the Son of a Bond-woman who is born in her Maſter's Houſe.

Verſe 17th. *Some token upon me for good*, ſome inſtance of thy eminent Mercy.

PSALM LXXXVII.

Written in Honour of the City of Jeruſalem.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Holy Hill*, conſecrated Mount Sion—*Dwellings of Jacob*, Cities of Judæa.

Verſe 2d. *Excellent Things*, relating to the Magnificence of the Structures and Salubrity of Air.

Verſe 3d. *I will think upon Rhahab and Babylon, with them that know me*, I will not deny that Ægypt and Babylon may boaſt of noble Cities, when I talk with *my Friends* about thoſe Matters.

Verſe 4th. *Behold*, &c. the Philiſtines, the Tyrians and Arabians are remarkable alſo, and celebrated for the Birth of great Men.

Verſe 5th. Jeruſalem can vie with any of them ſince ſo great a Prince was born in her by whom ſhe is protected.

Verſe 6th. *The Lord*, &c. ſhall diſtinguiſh this great Birth by a particular Mark of Honour.

Verſe 7th. *The Singers*, &c. All the Voices and Muſic of the Temple ſhall ſing in Praiſe of this ſacred City, that ſhe is a Fountain of Delight, more beautiful and pleaſant than the pureſt and cooleſt Stream.

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PSALM LXXXVIII.

Written during the Time of the Jewiſh Captivity, in the Language of a poor Slave in Chains.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Free*, diſengaged from this Life, and, as if one of the dead.

Verſe 8th. *Get forth*, and go to them, ſince they abhor, and will not viſit me.

Verſe 10th, Make haſte to deliver me, or I die—then I cannot expect ſo great a Miracle as that thou wilt raiſe me up—that I may praiſe thee in this Life again.

Verſe 11th. I cannot praiſe thee when dead, or ſing thy faithfulneſs.

Verſe 16th. *Goeth over me*, like a Torrent has riſen above my Head, and deſtroyed me.

Verſe 17th. *They*, not a ſingle Misfortune, but numberleſs Afflictions.

Verſe 18. *Hid*, kept them from me, and my ſad abode.

PSALM LXXXIX.

Deſcribes the Misfortune of Jehoiakim, and thereupon the Writer ſeems even to diſtruſt the Promiſes made to the Families of David.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *For I have ſaid*, &c. it is my fixed Opinion, that thy favourable Diſpoſition towards our Nation is ſettled ſo firm, that the revolutions of the heavenly Bodies are not eſtabliſhed upon greater rules of Certainty, than the Promiſes thou haſt made for our Preſervation.

Verſe 5th. *The very Heavens*, Angels above.

Verſe 18th. *Horns*, Power.

Verſe 20th. *Saints*, Samuel in particular—*laid help*, endued with Authority and Strength.

Verſe 23d. *Son of Wickedneſs*, Saul.

Verſe 26th. *I will ſet*, &c. On one ſide he ſhall ſubdue the Philiſtines, on the other the Syrians, up to the Tygris and Euphrates.—Sam. 2d. c. 8th. v. 9th.

Verſe 28th. *Firſt-born*, principal in Dignity.

Verſe 30th. *As the Days of Heaven*, everlaſting.

Verſe 35th. *As the Sun* eternal, and as a conſtant inſtance of God's peculiar Protection.

Verſe 39th. *Overthrown all his Hedges*; demoliſhed Jeruſalem, and *his ſtrong holds*, fortified Places.

Verſe 50th. *Slandered the Footſteps of thine anointed*, by denying that any other anointed, (viz. the great Meſſias whom we all expect) ſhall riſe up in David's room.

PSALM XC.

Of very great Antiquity, compoſed by Moſes, "the Man of God."—A conſolatory Hymn upon the ſevere Doom denounced againſt the refractory and murmuring Iſraelites.—Vide Numb. ch. 13. v. 4.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *As a Watch in the Night*, a ſhort tract of Time, or three Hours of laſt Night's Watch.

Verſe 5th. *Scattereſt*, calleſt them off from the Stage of Life.

Verſe 11th. *Who regardeth*, &c. who makes a right uſe of thy Chaſtiſements, *for even thereafter*, &c. thy Diſpleaſure is proportionate to that Fear and Reverence of thee, or the Want of them which a man inwardly entertains, or not, towards thy Name and Godhead.

Verſe 12. *Number*, make a good uſe and reckoning of.

Verſe 15th. *Plagued us*, viz. with Egyptian Slavery.

Verſe 17th. *The Work of our Hands, and Handy-work*, our Arms, and Endeavours in getting poſſeſſion of Canaan.

PSALM XCI.

Compoſed probably by David in the Time of Peſtilence. Sam. 2d. c. 24. v. 15. It is one of the moſt admirable Hymns Antiquity affords.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Snare of the Hunter*, Fury of the deſtroying Angel.

Verſe 5th. *The Arrow*, winged Lightning.

PSALM XCII.

An excellent Deſcription of the different Conditions of pious and irreligious Men.

NOTES.

Verſe 9th. *Horn*, Power and Dignity, for I am invigorated and anointed, as it were, with Oil.

Verſe 11th. *a Palm Tree* which is ever green and flouriſhing.

Verſe 12th. *Such as be planted*, ſo ſhall the Prieſts, who continually officiate in the Temple, flouriſh.

Verſe 13th. *They ſhall bring forth Fruit* longer than the courſe of Nature ordinarily allows even *in their age*.

Verſe 14th. *That they may ſhew*, ſo ſhall they demonſtrate.

PSALM

PSALM XCIII.

The Author uncertain; moſt of the Jews interpret this of the Meſſias.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Floods are riſen*, &c. many idolatrous Nations endeavour by their tumultuous and factious Proceedings to hinder the Kingdom of the Meſſias.

PSALM XCIV.

Written when the Magiſtrates were greatly corrupted, and oppreſſed the People, during the Captivity.

NOTES.

Verſe 10th. *Nurtureth the Heathen*, imparteth even to them ſome Knowledge.

Verſe 15th. *Until Righteouſneſs turn again unto Judgment*, until Juſtice reſume her Seat—*it*, her Judicature.

Verſe 20th. *Stool of Wickedneſs*, the Throne of wicked Princes, who, like Nebuchadnezzar, give out Edicts to worſhip Idols.

PSALM XCV.

Compoſed probably for uſe on the Feaſt of the Tabernacles; it invites the Jews to praiſe God for his general and particular Benefits.

NOTES.

Verſe 8th. *To-day*, now in this our Day—*the Provocation*, your Diſobedience—*Temptation*, diſtruſt at Meribah. —Vide Exodus, ch. 17, v. 2d.

Verſe 9th. *Proved me*, to ſee how far my Power reached —*not knowing my Ways*, not conſidering my great Works done for them.

Verſe 11th. *My reſt*, the Land of Canaan.

PSALM XCVI.

On the tranſlation of the Ark. Vide ch. 16. 1ſt Book of Chronicles. The latter part relates to the Jewiſh Reſtoration after the Captivity.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th. *Are before him*, rendering him inacceſſible —and his Power and Honour is repreſented to us in his Tabernacle, by the Glory of his Shechina.

Verſe 7th. *Kindreds of the People*, O ye Foreign Nations—*aſcribe*, pay.

Verſe 8th. *Preſents*, Sacrifices.

Verſe 9th. *Beauty*, beautiful Place where the Ark reſides.

Verſe 13th. *For he*, the Meſſias.

PSALM XCVII.

A Pſalm of David on his Country being reſtored after Abſalom's Rebellion; or rather, perhaps, a direct Prophecy of the Kingdom of the Meſſias.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Multitude of the Idols*, the Gentile World—*Clouds and Darkneſs*, &c. a thick impenetrable Cloud ſhall be his Canopy, Juſtice and Equity ſhall attend hi Throne.

Verſe 7th. *Ye Gods*, ye earthly Princes, and Angels in Heaven.

Verſe 8th. *Sion*, the Inhabitants of Jeruſalem.

Verſe 11th. *A Light*, the Goſpel.

PSALM XCVIII.

Prophetical Exultation for the Converſion of the Gentiles.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *His Righteouſneſs*, deſtroying the Kingdom of Darkneſs.

Verſe 7th. *Shawms*, Pipes, Muſical Inſtruments.

PSALM

PSALM XCIX.

This Pſalm ſeems to relate to David's quiet Eſtabliſhment in his Throne.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. He *ſitteth*, his Reſidence is in the Ark, where the Cherubims extend their Wings.

Verſe 8th. *Forgaveſt*, by ſtaying the Plague, with which thou puniſhedſt their Idolatries.

PSALM C.

A Form of Thankſgiving at the Peace Offering. Leviticus c. 7, v. 12.

PSALM CI.

David lays down ſome pious and good Reſolutions for the adminiſtration of his Government.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Houſe*, Kingdom.

PSALM CII.

One of the ſeven penitential Pſalms compoſed in the name of the Jewiſh Nation during the Captivity.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th *Like*, i. e. Solitary as.

Verſe 9th. *Eaten Aſhes*, being covered with Aſhes, have neglected even my uſeful Food.

Verſe 13th. *The Time is come*, the ſeventy Years Captivity is now near expiring.

Verſe 22d. *Kingdoms*, Tribes of Iſrael.

PSALM CIII.

On David's Recovery from a Fit of Sickneſs; it is full of Devotion.

NOTES.

Verſe 21ſt. *Hoſts*, Spiritual Beings.

PSALM CIV.

Upon the Creation of the World; this is one of the moſt exalted Pieces of Poetry extant in all Antiquity.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Curtain*, as Beams of Rafters of thy great Chamber of State—*walketh*, is carried ſwiftly upon.

Verſe 4th. The Winds waft thee along, are excited by the Power of Angels, and the Flaſhes which attend thy Thunder, are occaſioned by thoſe celeſtial Miniſters.

Verſe 6th. Thou firſt did enwrap the Globe of Earth with the circumfuſed Ocean—the greateſt Eminences being covered with Water.

Verſe 7th. At thy Command they flee, and all the Continents and Iſlands ſtood out above the Waters.

Verſe 8th. *They*, the mighty bodies of Water—*go up*, raiſe themſelves.

Verſe 16th. *Even the Cedars*, though rooted in ſuch a barren Mountain.

Verſe 32d. *Hills*, as that of Sinai.

PSALM CV.

Contains a Hiſtory of God's Providences to the Jews.

NOTES.

Verſe 14th. *Kings*, the King of Egypt. Gen. ch. 12. v. 16.—the King of Gerar. Gen. ch. 22d. v. 3d.

Verſe 18th. *Entered into his Soul*, eat into his Fleſh.

Verſe 23d. *Iſrael*, i. e. Jacob, his Father—*Ham*, Egypt, firſt planted by the Son of Cham.

Verſe 36th. *Them*, the Egyptians, with Preſents of Silver and Gold—*their Tribes*, thoſe of the Iſraelites.

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PSALM CVI.

A Form of Prayer during the Captivity, when the Jews thought fit to acknowledge their many national Sins which had brought down thoſe heavy Judgements upon them.

NOTES.

Verſe 10th. *The Adverſary*, Pharaoh.

Verſe 14th. *Tempted*, diſtruſted.

Verſe 15th. *Leanneſs*, diſcontent and diſſatisfaction.

Verſe 23d. *In the Gap*, oppoſing himſelf, as it were, in the Breach where God's Wrath was pouring in.

Verſe 24th. *Pleaſant Land*, Canaan.

Verſe 28th. *Baal-peor*, unto Baal whoſe Temple was upon Peor in Moab——*Offerings of the Dead*, Sacrifices to Idols.

Verſe 32d. *Of Strife*, of Meribah——*their Sake*, becauſe their Diſtruſt occaſioned Moſes to commit a Fault, and ſuffer for it.

Verſe 33d. *Unadviſedly*, uſed an unbecoming Expreſſion, "ſhall we fetch you, ye Rebels, Water out of this Rock?" aſſuming the Power of God to himſelf.

Verſe 34th. *The Heathen*, the ſeven Nations.

Verſe 36th. *Decay*, Deſtruction.

Verſe 38th. *Whoring with*, Proſtituting themſelves to Idolatry.

PSALM CVII.

Written not long after the Captivity—a grateful Commemoration of the extraordinary Favours of God lately experienced.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Gathered them out*, after their Diſperſion.

Verſe 18th. *Hard at Death's Door*, ſick even unto Death.

Verſe 33d. *The Floods into a Wilderneſs*, the Sea into dry Land.

Verſe 35th. *He maketh the Wilderneſs* (a dry Land) to be refreſhed by Rains.

Verſe 41ſt. *Maketh him Houſeholds*, increaſeth their Families.

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PSALM CVIII.

Made up of two Davidical Pſalms—the 59th and 60th.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Greater than*, infinite and unmeaſurable as the Diſtance from Earth to Heaven.

Verſe 7th. *In his Holineſs*, from his Sanctuary—*divide Sichem*, among my victorious Army—*mete*, portion out to them.

Verſe 8th. *Ephraim is the ſtrength of my Head*, is the main Support of my Government.

Verſe 9th. *Juda*, out of it will I chuſe my ſubordinate magiſtrates—*Moab is my Waſh-pot*, the Moabites ſhall be my ſlaves—as alſo the Edomites—*upon Philiſtia*, on her account will I triumph, ſhe ſhall receive me with triumphal Acclamations!

Verſe 11th. *Haſt not thou*, i. e. Thou haſt not.

PSALM CIX.

Is thought to be an Invective of David againſt Doeg, who did him and his Friends ſo much Miſchief under Saul—it has likewiſe a Regard to Judas, the Betrayer of our Lord—David was a Type of our Saviour, ſo was Doeg of Judas.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Him*, Doeg—*Satan*, as an Informer.

Verſe 15th. *Poor helpleſs Man*, ſo many harmleſs Prieſts.—1ſt Sam. c. 22, v. 18th.

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PSALM CX.

A Prophecy of the Meſſias—this whole Pſalm conſiſts of a Speech, which God the Father is introduced ſpeaking to the Meſſias.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *The Lord ſaid*, God ſaid unto my Lord, the Meſſias.

Verſe 2d. *The Lord*, &c. ſhall make my Empire to begin by preaching firſt the Goſpel among the Jews; thou ſhalt rule and propagate it even among the moſt Idolatrous Nations, thine Enemies.

Verſe 3d. *The Dew of thy Birth is as*, &c. This Inauguration of thine will be attended with as many Votaries as there are Drops of Dew on the Morning Graſs.

Verſe 4th. Of *Melchiſedeck*, not the Aaronical order, which is ſucceſſive; but of Melchiſedeck, which is eternal; a continual Prieſt-Hood.

Verſe 7th. *He ſhall drink*, &c. He ſhall at firſt undergo Afflictions and Straits, as a Soldier is forced to drink at the next Stream; but at laſt, He ſhall be therefore exalted to Glory.

PSALM CXI.

David here relates God's general and particular Mercies; eſpecially thoſe towards the Jewiſh Nation.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Meat*, Manna in the Wilderneſs.

Verſe 8th. *Works*, in expelling the Seven Nations, and planting the Iſraelites in their ſtead.

PSALM CXII.

A Deſcription of a Pious Man.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Light in the Darkneſs*, Spiritual Comfort in Diſtreſs.

Verſe 9th. *Horn*, Reputation.

Verſe 10th. *Grieve him*, thro' Envy.

PSALM CXIII.

This ſets forth the admirable Providence of God; and is one of the Liturgical Pſalms, ſung at the new Moons and Paſſover.

NOTES.

Verſe 7th. *Him*, David.
Verſe 8th. *Barren Women*, Sarah and Hannah.

PSALM CXIV.

A ſhort hiſtorical Relation of the Departure of the Children of Iſrael out of Egypt, and their paſſing into Canaan, expreſſed in poetical Figures, with a moſt charming Elegance.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Juda was his Sanctuary*, &c. This People was his only Church, and Iſrael his Kingdom.
Verſe 3d. *Saw that*, felt his Omnipotence.

PSALM CXV.

An Exhortation to truſt in God alone.

PSALM CXVI.

Written by Eſdras, moſt probably after the return from the Captivity—The whole Nation of the Jews repreſented in the Name of a ſingle Perſon.

NOTES.

Verſe 10th. *I believed*, I truſted in God.—*All Men are Liars*, i. e. God only is true.
Verſe 14th. *Son of thine Hand-maid*, as if born in thine Houſe.

PSALM CXVII.

A Prophetical Exultation upon the Call of the Gentiles.

PSALM CXVIII.

Probably an Inauguration Hymn when David was recognized King of all Iſrael and Judah; in it are many poetical Expreſſions which relate to the Meſſias.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *Trouble*, under Saul's Perſecution.

Verſe 11th. *They*, the Philiſtines, Syrians and Ammonites.

Verſe 12th. *Extinct as the Fire among Thorns*, tho' they made great Noiſe and tumultuous Threatnings, yet were they ſoon extinguiſhed.

Verſe 13th. *Thou*, Saul.

Verſe 15th. *Mighty Things*, as ſettling me thro' ſo many Difficulties in the Kingdom of Judah and Iſrael.

Verſe 19th. *Righteouſneſs*, of Sion.

Verſe 22d. *Stone*, the Meſſias.

Verſe 27th. *Light*, Tranquility.

PSALM CXIX.

Contains many very excellent, tho' unconnected Reflections and Rules.

NOTES.——PART II.

Verſe 3d. *Hid*, treaſured up.

PART III.

Verſe 6th. *Shame and Rebuke*, wicked Rebels.

PART IV.

Verſe 1ſt. *Cleaveth to the Duſt*, ſinks as it were almoſt into the Grave—*quicken*, revive.

PART V.

Verſe 7th. *Rebuke*, concerning Uriah.

PART VI.

PART VII.

Verſe 6th. *Houſe of my Pilgrimage*, in the Times of my Diſtreſs.

PART VIII.

Verſe 5th. *Robbed me*, done me violence like Robbers.

PART IX.

Verſe 6th. *Their Heart is as fat as Brawn*, their Senſes ſo ſtupified, that they cannot comprehend the Excellency of thy Law.

PART X.

Verſe 3d. *Faithfulneſs*, Goodneſs and Providence.

PART XI.

Verſe 3d. *Like a Bottle*, withered by my Misfortunes, as a Leathern Bottle hung up in a ſmoaky Room, is ſhrivelled and deformed.

Verſe 4th. *The Days* of my Affliction.

PART XII.

Verſe 8th. *Exceeding broad*, ſhall never be aboliſhed.

PART XIII.

Verſe 6th. *Shrunk from*, tranſgreſſed thy Commandments.

PART XIV.

Verſe 5th. *My Soul is alway in my Hand*, I am always in fear of my Life.

Verſe 8th. *Unto the End*, uniformly.

PART XV.

PART XVI.

Verſe 8th. *Strait*, conſcientiouſly.

PART XVII.

Verſe 2d. *Thy Word goeth forth*, thy Goſpel is preached.

Verſe 3d. *I opened my Mouth, and drew in my Breath*, I derived my natural and ſpiritual Life from thee.

PART XVIII.

Verſe 4th. *Tried to the uttermoſt*, refined to the greateſt Purity.

Verſe 8th. *Live*, free from fear of mine Enemies.

PART

PART XIX.

Verſe 4th. *Mine Eyes prevent the Night-Watches*, before the Night-Watch is ſet, I fall again to my Devotions.

Verſe 8th. *Grounded them*, immoveably.

PART XX.

PART XXI.

Verſe 5th. *Not offended at*, do not fall off from it for the Sake of worldly Intereſts.

PART XXII.

Verſe 7th. *Judgements*, Promiſes.

Verſe 8th. *Seek*, recover.

PSALM CXX.

Compoſed by David upon the Information of Doeg, —1ſt Sam. ch. 22d. but was uſed afterwards by the Jews in Remembrance of their Captivity.

NOTES.

Verſe 4th. *Woe is me*, &c. that I am compelled to live among the barbarous Arabians.

PSALM CXXI.

Written by David while in the Field with his Army; the Phraſe is military, and repreſents a general looking out for Succours which he expects.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th. *The Moon*, annoy thee with peſtilential Vapours of the Night.

PSALM CXXII.

Written on ſettling the Ark in Sion, or ſome Anniverſary of that Solemnity.—It is ſpoken in the Name of the Jews, as exulting upon the Thought of this famous Feſtivity.

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PSALM CXXIII.

Written by ſome pious Perſon during the Captivity.

PSALM CXXIV.

On David's Deliverance from the Rebellion of Abſalom; uſed afterwards by the Jews as a Thanksgiving for their Return from the Captivity.

PSALM CXXV.

An Exhortation to truſt in God alone, and not to make Uſe of indirect Means for Safety.

PSALM CXXVI.

A triumphal Song in congratulation of the Jews Return from the Captivity.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *That dream*, nor could believe the happy Truths for Joy.

Verſe 5th. *Turn our Captivity*, bring back our numerous Captives, let them come with as great a Torrent as the great Southern Rivers flow with.

PSALM CXXVII.

Shews that no Man can proſper but thro' God.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *For ſo*, i. e. when he giveth his *beloved Sleep*, his refreſhing Sleep—or Sleep to thoſe who have recommended themſelves to his Care and Protection, by following his Precepts, and doing their Duties in that State of Life unto which it has pleaſed God to call them.

Verſe 5th. *So are the young Children*, the Defenders and Protectors of their Parents.

Verſe 6th. *The Gate*, the Judgement-Hall over the City-Gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

Uſed probably by the Jews as a Hymn in their Office of Matrimony.

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PSALM CXXIX.

Written probably by Ezra on ſome Troubles after the Captivity.

Verſe 3d. *Ploughers ploughed*, Tyrants have ſcourged us.

Verſe 6th. *Even as*, blaſted like.

PSALM CXXX.

A Prayer to God for Pardon of Sin, and Freedom from puniſhment—compoſed by ſome pious Perſon during the Captivity—It is the laſt of thoſe, uſually called "the Penitential Pſalms," ſeven in Number.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Out of the Deep*, in my greateſt Afflictions.

Verſe 6th. *My Soul fleeth unto the Lord*, I put up my Petitions to God before the Watch of the City Walls is relieved.

PSALM CXXXI.

Written by David to clear himſelf from any Deſign of affecting the Kingdom during Saul's Life.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *Low*, as innocent as a young Child.

PSALM CXXXII.

Written probably by Solomon, when he built the Temple, and fulfilled what was deſigned by his Father David. 2d Sam. ch. 7.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *David*, my Father.

Verſe 3d. *My Houſe*, my Palace.

Verſe 6th. *Lo! we have heard*, &c. We firſt heard of the Ark being at Shilo, a Town of the Ephraimites; but when we went to meet it, we found it advanced to the woody Country of Kirja-jearim.

Verſe 12th. *Set upon*, &c. ſet one of thy Sons upon thy Seat.

Verſe 15th. Saying, *this ſhall be* my reſt, &c.

Verſe 18th. *The Horn*, the regal Dignity—as a *lantern*, as a burning Taper, till the coming of the Meſſias.

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PSALM CXXXIII.

Written moſt probably by David, when the Tribes were contending who ſhould be moſt forward to bring the King back from the Place to which the rebellious Arms of Abſalom had driven him.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Skirts of his cloathing*, Collar of his Veſture.
Verſe 3d. *Like as*, pleaſant as.

PSALM CXXXIV.

Uſed in the Service of the Temple.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Stand*, keep watch.

PSALM CXXXV.

A general Form of Thankſgiving for God's Mercies to the Jews.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th. *Deep Places*, low Caverns of the World.
Verſe 7th. *Ends of the World*, from the vaſt Ocean that encompaſſes the inhabitable World.—*Treaſures*, Store-Houſe.

PSALM CXXXVI.

A public Thankſgiving—a ſort of Recapitulation of God's Mercies to the Jews.

NOTES.

Verſe 6th. *Laid out the Earth above the Waters*, made the dry Ground to appear above the Waters.

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PSALM CXXXVII.

Written as a mournful Complaint of the Miſery of the State, and the inſulting Uſage given them by their Aſſyrian Maſters. The Poetry is inimitably fine, and equal to the beſt Rules laid down by the beſt Latin and Greek Critics.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Waters of Babylon*, the Tygris and Euphrates.

Verſe 2d. *Hanged them up*, as a Time unfit for Melody.

Verſe 4th. *Strange Land*, Idolatrous Nation.

Verſe 5th. *If I*, if we Jews—*O Jeruſalem*, Temple of God.

Verſe 7th. *Children of Edom*, our Enemies—*in the Day of Jeruſalem*, at that happy Time, when thou wilt defend our Cauſe.

Verſe 8th. *Waſted with Miſery*, tired with the Oppreſſion of us.

Verſe 9th. *Againſt the Stones*, to put an End to ſuch a cruel Generation as you are.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

A Pſalm made uſe of by Haggai and Zachary, at the rebuilding of the Temple.—It contains a pious Thankſgiving for Mercies received.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *And thy Word*, and amply made good this Promiſe to me of the Kingdom. 1ſt Sam. ch. 16. v. 13.

Verſe 3d. *Strength*, Patience.

Verſe 5th. *In the Ways*, concerning the Works.

Verſe 6th. *Afar off*, the Proud are in thy ſight, and under thy Power.

Verſe 7th. *Upon the Furiouſneſs*, on account of the Furiouſneſs.

Verſe 8th. *The Work of thine own Hands*, the regal Dignity which thou haſt raiſed me to.

PSALM CXXXIX.

An excellent Hymn upon God's great Attributes, his Omniſcience and Omnipreſence.—To theſe David appeals for an Approbation of his Integrity, when traduced for having ill Deſigns againſt Saul.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *My down ſitting and mine up riſing*, my outward Actions.

Verſe 7th. *Hell*, the loweſt Vaults of the Earth.

Verſe 8th. *Take the Wings of the Morning*, the ſwiftneſs of the Sun.

Verſe 9th. *Hold me*, ſupport me.

Verſe 12th. *Reins*, inward Parts.

Verſe 14th. *In the Earth*, in the Womb.

Verſe 15th. *Written in thy Book*, noted and preſerved by thee.

Verſe 16th. *None of them*, reſembling an human Body.

Verſe 17th. *Sum*, variety of them.

Verſe 23d. *Ground*, receſſes of.

Verſe 24th. *Way everlaſting*, the Paths of Piety which lead to Peace for ever.

PSALM CXL.

Compoſed by David under Troubles in Saul's Reign, occaſioned by the Information of the Ziphites againſt him. 1ſt Sam. c. 23, v. 20.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *They have ſharpened their Tongues*, no Serpent's Tongue conveys more Venom than the Tongues of theſe wicked Calumniators.

Verſe 4th. *Overthrow my goings*, work my Ruin.

Verſe 7th. *Battle*, with Goliah.

Verſe 10th. *Hot burning Coals*, the dreadful Judgement of Sodom.

Verſe 11th. *Of Words*, deceitful Lips.

PSALM CXLI.

Written by David in his Troubles under Saul—He begs God's Grace, that he may not, by any intemperate Word, give his Adverſaries Advantage againſt him.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Be an Evening Sacrifice*, as acceptable as the Fumes which ariſe from the Sacrifices at Jeruſalem.

Verſe 6th. *Precious Balm*, fraternal Corrections—*break my Head*, be too ſevere—*Yea*, as for mine Enemies, &c.

Verſe 7th. *Overthrown in ſtony Places*, be thrown headlong from a Rock.

Verſe 8th. *Our Bones*, our Friends are unmercifully deſtroyed, and lie ſcattered about like Chips around a Tree which is cutting down.

PSALM CXLII.

A Prayer by David when he was in the Cave—the Keilites informed him, Saul then purſued him in the Wilderneſs of Engedi, where being hid in a Cave, Saul came in accidentally, when David cut off the Skirt of his Garment. 1ſt Sam. c. 24th.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *My Path.* What loneſome and by-ways I was forced to take for my Security.

Verſe 4th. *On my right Hand*, for my Companions, who uſed to attend me on my right Hand.

Verſe 5th. *No Place*, all being ſtrictly watched by Saul's Troops.

Verſe 9th. *Bring my Soul out of Priſon*, free me from my exiled State, and this dark Cave.

PSALM CXLIII.

By David, during the Rebellion of his Son Abſalom.

NOTES.

Verſe 3d. *The Enemy*, my Son—*laid me in Darkneſs*, forced me to hide myſelf.

Verſe 4th. *Deſolate*, diſconſolate.

Verſe 6th. *As a thirſty land* does for Rain.

Verſe 7th. *Like unto*, as loſt and undone as.

Verſe 11th. *Quicken*, refreſh and revive me—*Righteouſneſs Sake*, ſake of thy Promiſe.

PSALM CXLIV.

This ſeems to refer to ſome of David's Victories over the Philiſtines at the beginning of his Reign.

NOTES.

Verſe 7th. *Great Waters*, moſt imminent Dangers—*ſtrange*, Idolatrous.

Verſe 12th. *As* beautiful as.

Verſe 13th. *Garners*, Granaries.

Verſe 14th. *Decay*, Deſolation.

PSALM CXLV.

The Title is David's "Pſalm of Praiſe," the only Pſalm in the Book with this Title. It is not manifeſt on what Occaſion this was written.

NOTES.

Verſe 11th. *Shew*, in their Hymns.

Verſe 14th. *That fall*, that are ſinking.

PSALM CXLVI.

Theſe five laſt Pſalms are called the Hallelujahs, becauſe they begin and end with that Word—this contains a celebration of God's Praiſes; particularly for his inviolably maintaining the Promiſes which he had made to his People.

NOTES.

Verſe 7th. *The Lord looſeth*, &c. he redeems the poor captive Slave from the Hand of the Tyrant, and reſtores the Light of the Sun, to them who are ſhut up in a dark Dungeon; but more graciouſly and eſpecially, he reſtores us from the Bondage of Sin, unto the freedom of Righteouſneſs; he maketh his Goſpel to ſhine upon us, and clears away the Miſt of intellectual Darkneſs.

PSALM

PSALM CXLVII.

An excellent Hymn in Honour of God, drawn from the ſeveral particulars of the Manifeſtation of his Goodneſs.

NOTES.

Verſe 2d. *Outcaſts*, ſcattered Tribes.

Verſe 10th. *He hath no Pleaſure*, &c. He giveth not Victory by means of the ſtrength of the Cavalry or Infantry.

Verſe 14th. *Thy Border*, thy Country.

Verſe 15th. *His Word runneth very ſwiftly*, Commands are inſtantly executed.—"Let there be Light, and there was Light."

Verſe 17th. *Ice-like Morſels*, Knobs of Hail.

Verſe 18th. *His Wind*, the South-Wind.

PSALM CXLVIII.

Compoſed upon ſome joyful Occaſion—probably on the Cloſe of the Captivity, when the Edict was come out for their Reſtoration.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *In the Height*, with the higheſt degree of Exaltation.

Verſe 2d. *All his Hoſt*, all Ranks and Orders.

Verſe 4th. *Waters above the Heavens*, watery Meteors in the Regions of the Air.

Verſe 7th. *Dragons*, great Fiſhes.

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PSALM CXLIX.

On ſome great Exploits done by the Jews.

NOTES.

Verſe 5th. *In their Beds*, in Eaſe and Security.

Verſe 6th. *Let the Praiſes of God*, while they are ſinging victorious Hymns to the Honor of God, let them carry their Swords in their Hand, that they may never be unprepared for the Enemy.

Verſe 7th. *The People*, their Enemies.

Verſe 9th. *As it is written*, as Moſes commanded, Deut. ch. 20, v. 17.

PSALM CL.

A Song after ſome Victory.

NOTES.

Verſe 1ſt. *Firmament*, Extent of.

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